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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

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Special fund for road near Huntress bridge,	125 00
State aid construction,	250 00
State aid maintenance,	700 00
Special State aid construction to go with $1,500 from State,	750 00
Street lighting,	150 00
Public library,	50 00
Memorial Day,	10 00
To meet Sanders' will,	10 00
Old Home Day,	50 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Prevention of white pine blister rust,	250 00
Assessed for overdraft summer highway, 1922,	327 00
State tax,	931 50
County tax,	1,364 10
Overlay,	308 57
Total for Town purposes,	$10,276 17

FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

½ of 1 per cent. on equalized valuation,	$2,876 48
District officers' salaries,	70 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	135 00
Deficiency in superintendent's excess salary,	17 35
Other expenses of administration,	25 00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	300 00
High school tuition,	400 00
Per capita tax,	154 00
Work on new playground, Center school,	50 00
School lot fund,	40 00
Total appropriations for schools,	$4,067 83

Total appropriations for town,	10,276 17
Grand total of all appropriations,	$14,344 00
$2 added to 205 poll taxes (to collect for State),	410 00
Amount committed to collector,	$14,754 00
Added to above committment after report to the State,	153 17
Total of committment in hands of collector,	$14,907 17

Receipts

From local back taxes, 1919-1920,	$67 95
From local back taxes, Est. H. A. F. Colcord,	23 96
From local back taxes, James J. Coveny,	5 94
From local back taxes, 1921,	19 86
From local back taxes, 1922,	335 08
From local back taxes, 1923,	13,301 52
Savings Bank tax from State treasurer,	342 45
Highway maintenance and construction, from State treasurer,	1,790 13
Conway National Bank, loans in anticipation taxes,	3,950 00
Gladys Leavitt, dog licenses,	43 00
Gladys Leavitt, auto tax,	247 25
Treasurer's check returned and added to bal.,	1 25
Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1923,	938 49
	$21,076 88

Payments

Town officers' salaries,	$398 00

Town officers' expenses,	351 65
Town hall,	104 50
Moth extermination,	250 00
Bounties,	7 20
Vital statistics,	5 95
Highways and bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	752 97
Town maintenance, winter,	1,228 14
Town maintenance, summer,	1,836 50
Street lighting,	133 75
Education:	
Library,	10 00
Charities:	
Town poor,	30 25
Patriotic purposes:	
Aid to Ambrose Post, G. A. R.,	10 00
Abatements refunded,	7 50
Total current expenses,	$5,126 41
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans,	$33 34
Paid on long term notes,	173 78
Total,	$207 12
New construction and improvements:	
State aid construction,	$3,904 16
Town and Emery construction,	500 00
Town construction,	88 50
Total,	$4,492 66
Equipment,	$36 12
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans,	$2,000 00

Payment on long term note,	1,000 00
Payments to other Governmental Div.:	
To State, $2 on each $5 poll tax, 1922,	466 00
To State, state tax,	931 50
To County, county tax,	1,364 10
Payments to school district,	4,289 23
	$10,086 95
Religious societies:	
Advent Religious society,	$44 27
Total payments for all purposes,	$19,957 41

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail I

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Fannie Gould, librarian,	$50 00
Carl L. Taylor, constable,	10 00
Gladys Leavitt, town clerk,	20 00
J. M. Leavitt, board of health,	10 00
Richard Dearborn, selectman,	55 00
Raymond Ward, selectman,	47 50
John G. Thompson, selectman,	47 50
Evelyn H. Lothian, treasurer,	50 00
Alice E. Chase, collector,	90 00
W. R. Clark, auditor,	3 00
M. S. Chase, auditor, services for two years, 1922,	6 00

Lester G. Downs, services as supervisor,	9 00
Total,	$398 00

Detail II

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

B. C. Snyder, town reports,	$98 00
George B. Reed, bonds for officers,	33 00
James Welch, estimating timber lot,	8 00
N. H. Association of Assessors,	2 00
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies,	21 82
Automotive Service Association,	14 64
Richard Dearborn, revaluing real estate,	20 00
Richard Dearborn, expense and time attending meeting of assessors at Manchester,	15 83
Richard Dearborn, postage and telephone,	12 65
Raymond Ward, expense and time attending assessors' meeting, Manchester,	15 83
Raymond Ward, revaluing real estate,	24 00
John G. Thompson, revaluing real estate,	20 00
John G. Thompson, expense and time attending assessors' meeting, Manchester,	15 83
John G. Thompson, transportation for three to Manchester,	20 00
Gladys Leavitt, issuing permits and postage,	20 75
Evelyn H. Lothian, postage,	4 30
Mrs. A. N. Gould, entered this Dept. by error,	5 00
	$351 65

Detail III

BOUNTIES

H. F. Nelson, 5 hedgehogs,	$1 00
Richard Dearborn, cash paid for bounties,	4 20
Raymond Ward, cash paid for bounties,	2 00
Total,	$7 20

Detail IV

VITAL STATISTICS

Gladys Leavitt, town clerk,	$2 70
J. M. Leavitt, board of health,	3 25
Total,	$5 95

Detail V

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

G. Aldo Meloon, patrolman, to meet payrolls and bills,	$752 97

Detail VI

TOWN MAINTENANCE, WINTER HIGHWAY

C. P. Kimball,	$7 05
Leon Marston,	6 00
Carl L. Taylor,	12 75
Ida Stevens,	2 00
Willis Gale,	92 30
Harry Sanborn,	8 00
Frank N. McKeen,	1 50

Charles Edwards,	19 50
Rufus Edwards,	18 00
Arthur Sprague,	4 00
Charles E. Meloon,	34 30
Willard Meloon,	62 10
John Staples,	6 30
Ira Cole,	3 00
Edgar Kimball,	6 00
H. J. Wilkins,	50 00
John and A. F. Crabtree,	14 19
C. A. Sprague,	28 20
Norman Sprague,	7 50
Arthur L. Copp,	4 50
Raymond Ward,	13 50
F. F. Nelson,	13 50
George Allen,	36 50
Frank A. Pike,	68 34
Frank Moody,	9 00
Fred Murray,	22 50
Bert Davis,	92 46
Irving Davis,	60 00
Frank O. Leavitt,	65 20
Dr. J. M. Leavitt,	35 50
Benjamin Brownell,	1 00
Duncan Emack,	19 87
John B. Kiniry,	5 00
Richard Dearborn,	58 07
Fred Reed,	6 00
Sewall K. Meloon,	20 00
Everett Douglass,	3 00
G. Aldo Meloon,	131 00
George H. Leighton,	1 00
Frances Moody,	3 00

John M. Chase,	6 17
M. H. Nutter,	49 00
Ralph Nutter,	105 00
Melvin Wilkinson,	12 00
Lester G. Downs,	4 34
Total,	$1,228 14

Detail VII

TOWN MAINTENANCE, SUMMER HIGHWAY

F. F. Nelson,	$3 75
Harry Hill, express and cartage,	2 15
Lester Emack,	15 00
Fred Stone,	19 00
C. I. Lothian, supplies,	2 92
C. A. Sprague,	153 00
Frank Moody,	66 00
Harry Sanborn,	13 50
Albra Ward, dynamite caps and fuse,	10 00
Frank P. Rowe,	30 75
M. S. Chase,	24 00
Richard Dearborn,	177 56
F. O. Leavitt,	163 25
Bert Davis,	83 48
Irving Davis,	49 48
Raymond Davis,	17 50
Willis Gale,	25 00
Duncan Emack,	32 25
Willard Meloon,	97 40
Charles E. Meloon,	36 00
Ira Cole,	32 90
John Staples,	14 50

C. H. Thompson,	9 00
George Allen,	16 50
Arthur Sprague,	14 35
Charles Wormwood,	21 00
George H. Leighton,	20 00
Robert Strong,	7 50
Lloyd Sanborn,	15 00
A. G. Carlton, paint for railings,	14 00
Colburn's Construction Co., repairs for grase,	9 30
Kenneth Ham,	1 25
Melvin Wilkinson,	4 50
Charles S. Meloon,	8 25
Robert Wilkinson,	4 00
Benjamin Brownell,	20 25
Bradley Drake,	4 50
C. P. Kimball,	9 00
Edgar Kimball,	8 25
Thomas J. Horgan,	34 50
Fred Murray,	18 00
Frank Pike,	4 50
Malcolm Emack,	3 00
Louis Tillinghast,	22 50
A. D. Jones, painting Pine River bridge,	42 00
S. O. Huckins,	7 54
George H. Clark,	9 00
Winfield Emack,	18 75
Fred Bonyman,	5 25
Frances Moody,	37 50
Edmund Canney,	32 00
John M. Chase,	2 00
M. H. Nutter,	15 00
W. M. Fulton,	2 20
Norman Sprague,	6 00

Carl L. Taylor,	1 50
Herbert White,	13 50
Towle & Leavitt,	153 48
Charles H. Clark,	20 44
Northeast Metal Culvert Co.,	116 80
Chester H. Drake,	15 00
	$1,836 50

Detail VIII

STREET LIGHTING

Freedom Electric Co., street lights at Effingham Falls,	$133 75

Detail IX

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

Advent Religious society,	$44 27

Detail X

LIBRARY

	$10 00

Detail XI

TOWN POOR

Susan Glidden, wood,	$30 25

Detail XII

AID TO G. A. R. AND MEMORIAL

Ambrose Post, G. A. R.,	$10 00

Detail XIII

ABATEMENTS REFUNDED

Edgar Kimball, for watering tub, 1922,	$1 50
Oren Stillings, for watering tub,	3 00
Dr. J. M. Leavitt, for watering tub,	3 00
	$7 50

Detail XIV

INTEREST

Conway National Bank, temporary loans,	$33 34
Rochester Trust Co., term notes,	173 78
	$207 12

Detail XV

TOWN AND EMERY CONSTRUCTION
ROAD AT SOUTH EFFINGHAM

To meet a like amount from Mr. Emery,	$500 00

Detail XVI

TOWN CONSTRUCTION, SPECIAL FUND
ROAD NEAR HUNTRESS BRIDGE

Ronald Watson,	$3 00
Harold Burns,	9 00
Louis Tillinghast,	6 00
Fred Murray,	9 00
Frank Leavitt,	16 50
Richard Dearborn,	12 00

Malcolm Emack,	6 00
Winfield Emack,	7 50
Duncan Emack,	7 50
Lester Emack,	6 00
T. J. Horgan,	6 00
	$88 50

Detail XVII

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Bills paid by Town,	$1,016 97
Bills paid by State,	33 22
	$1,050 19

Detail XVIII

SPECIAL STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Bills paid by town,	$2,758 19
Bills paid by State,	204 85
	$2,963 04

Itemized Account of Bills Paid by Town in Details XVII and XVIII:

Thomas J. Horgan,	$161 44
Harold Burns,	138 69
Arthur Sprague,	142 31
Harry Sanborn,	143 69
Malcolm Emack,	146 31
Ronald Watson,	118 69
Frank O. Leavitt,	343 62
Richard Dearborn, cash paid for dynamite,	21 00

Richard Dearborn, 40 loads of gravel,	4 80
Richard Dearborn,	402 69
Clarence Nicklin,	72 63
Moses Chase,	133 44
Fred Bonyman,	37 92
Frank Rowe,	17 50
Fred Murry,	131 98
Bert Davis,	282 62
Irving Davis,	234 50
Lewis Tillinghast,	128 19
Lloyd Sanborn,	126 44
Frank Pike,	119 44
J. Kimball,	226 62
Frank Moody,	252 87
Willis Gale,	135 62
Winfield Emack,	17 50
Kenneth Ham,	2 25
Duncan Emack,	3 50
Town of Wolfeboro,	17 00
L. O. Moulton,	39 00
S. O. Huckins,	143 85
Northeast Metal Culvert Co.,	38 00
W. M. Fulton,	1 05
Total,	$3,785 16

Detail XIX

EQUIPMENT

Austin Carlton, picks, mattocks and shovel,	$6 75
S. O. Huckins,	21 15
L. O. Moulton,	2 80
Winfield Emack,	50
Charles Tewksbury,	2 20

Richard Dearborn,	1 02
A. G. Carlton,	1 70
	$36 12

Detail XX

INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS

Conway National Bank, temporary loans,	$2,000 00
Rochester Trust Co., term notes,	1,000 00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Paid to State treasurer $2 on each $5 poll collected, 1922,	$466 00
Paid State treasurer, state tax,	931 50
Paid County treasurer, county tax,	1,364 10
Paid school district balance due on 1922,	699 23
Paid school district dog tax for 1922,	40 00
Paid school district account 1923 appropriation,	3,550 00
	$7,050 83

ABATEMENTS

Allowed Alice E. Chase, collector, 1922	
Julia E. Meloon, over 70,	$5 00
George A. Keniston, poll paid Newton,	5 00
Minnie Keniston, poll paid Newton,	5 00
Daniel Ficket, poll paid Ossipee,	5 00
Georgie Fisket, poll paid Ossipee,	5 00
Sidney Welch, poll paid Porter, Me.,	5 00
Paul Sarmalot, poll, left town,	5 00

Alfred Laferve, poll, left town, W. W. V.,	3 00
Louis Herbert, poll, left town,	5 00
Frank Bishop, poll, left town,	5 00
Dan Gagne, poll, left town,	5 00
Simeon Legendre, poll, left town,	5 00
Alexander Moreau, poll, left town, W. W. V.,	3 00
Eugene Bergeron, poll left town, W. W. V.,	3 00
Joseph Lyr, poll left town,	5 00
Frank Marcou, poll, left town,	5 00
Joseph Croteau, poll, left town,	5 00
John Petrand, poll, left town,	5 00
Armond Lafleur, poll, left town,	5 00
Leda Ficteau, poll, left town,	5 00
Henry Tebo, poll, left town,	5 00
Henry Seymour, poll, left town,	5 00
Lester Lablanc, poll, left town,	5 00
Joseph Lachance, poll, left town,	5 00
Joseph Charter, poll, left town,	5 00
Alphonse Leblanc, poll, left town,	5 00
Margueritte Lachance, poll, left town,	5 00
Henry Tebo, tax on horses,	6 38
Henry Seymour, tax on horses,	7 65
Lester Leblanc, tax on horses,	7 65
Fred Roberge, poll and tax on horses,	38 15
Flora M. Ray, poll, paid in Freedom,	5 00
Josiah Thurston, poll, paid in Mass.,	5 00
Roy Copp, poll, paid in Ossipee,	5 00
Rena Copp, poll paid in Ossipee,	5 00
Oscar Drake, under 21,	5 00
Laura Wormwood, over 70,	5 00
Mellen Moody, poll, paid in Maine,	5 00
Emma Moody, poll, paid in Maine,	5 00

State Forestry Dept., Mt. lot,	6 38
	$235 21
Allowed Alice E. Chase, collector, 1923,	
Wilma Wilkinson, poll, left town,	$5 00
George A. Keniston, poll, paid in Newton,	5 00
Minnie Keniston, poll, paid in Farmington,	5 00
Daniel Fitzgerald, poll,	5 00
Maude Fitzgerald, poll,	5 00
Harry C. Davis, poll, paid in Ossipee,	5 00
Margarette Davis, poll, paid in Ossipee,	5 00
Flora (Ray) Thompson, poll, paid in Freedom,	5 00
Josiah Thurston, poll, paid in Mass.,	5 00
Edward Busch, poll, left town,	5 00
A. Chapin, poll, left town,	5 00
Susan Glidden, tax on home,	4 10
Mellen Moody, poll, paid in Maine,	5 00
Emma Moody, poll, paid in Maine,	5 00
Laura Wormwood, over 70,	5 00
State Forestry Dept., Mt. lot,	6 83
Arthur Nichols, error,	1 37
Herbert White, timber sold, taxed to S. O. Huckins,	20 47
F. F. Nelson, tax on horses burned,	2 30
F. F. Nelson, poll, paid in Limerick, Me.,	5 00
Abatement for public water:	
Arthur Sprague, watering tub,	3 00
Edgar Kimball, watering tub,	3 00
Mabel Cole, watering tub,	3 00
Eva Collomy, poll tax, deceased,	5 00
	$124 07

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

Paid to Advent Society,	$44 27
Due First Baptist,	1 29
Due Universalist,	2 23
Due Advent,	6 52
Due Ossipee,	10 75
Due Fifth Baptist,	15 44
Due Third Baptist,	55 46
Due Second Baptist,	82 99
Due Calvin Baptist,	54 37
Due Congregational,	17 84

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1923,	$938 49
State of N. H. highway department,	1,790 13
State of N. H., Savings bank tax,	342 45
Conway National Bank, on temporary loan,	3,950 00
Gladys Leavitt, clerk, dog taxes,	43 00
Gladys Leavitt, clerk, auto taxes,	247 25
Alice E. Chase, collector, 1921 taxes,	22 86
Alice E. Chase, collector, 1922 taxes,	335 08
Alice E. Chase, collector, 1923 taxes,	13,308 52
William Butler, taxes on H. A. F. Colcord estate,	23 96
Fred P. Smith, taxes on Gideon Southerland estate,	67 95
James G. Coverny, taxes for 1922,	5 94
Returned check,	1 25
Total receipts,	$21,076 88

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid outstanding town orders,	$21 00
Paid selectmen's orders,	19,615 50
Paid Savings Bank tax,	342 45
	$19,978 95
Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1924,	$1,097 93

EVELYN H. LOTHIAN,
Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK,
MOSES S. CHASE,
Auditors.

February 23, 1924.

ASSETS OF TOWN

Cash in treasury,	$1,097 93
Due from Frank O. Leavitt, collector, 1920 taxes,	109 68
Due from Alice E. Chase, collector, 1921 taxes,	22 03
Due from Alice E. Chase, collector, 1922 taxes,	427 20
Due from Alice E. Chase, collector, 1923 taxes,	1,474 58
Due on Non-Resident Real Estate, Carried by the Town Including Interest to Jan. 31, 1924	
W. E. Ireland, lot on Bailey farm,	49 58
Augusta A. Morgan,	18 10
William H. Johnson,	9 67
John L. O'Leary,	17 06
James F. Abbott,	29 62
William Daley,	73 36
Alonzo Miner,	14 78
Thomas J. McKnight,	18 41
Walter G. Gillis,	16 05
J. H. Pine,	12 46
Samuel C. Clark,	10 55

H. F. Dow,	11 51
C. E. Cushing,	24 78
Thomas Holden,	6 01
L. N. Torry,	23 84
Frank Russell,	12 68
Walter Glidden,	2 74
Mrs. C. G. Marcy,	8 74
Joseph Moore,	25 53
Mary Johnson,	9 68
L. O. Young,	8 68
N. L. Laidlow,	5 62
Thomas Sullivan,	6 47
A. E. O. Pascoe,	17 02
Hallie C. Blake, part Bailey farm,	216 54
Harry Brooks, Adams' lot,	2 21
James T. Cox,	2 98
Geo. Morrill,	17 88
Joseph Gibson, one acre Mark Roberts' place,	3 61
Mable Haggerty,	3 00
Resident Real Estate Carried by Town	
John M. Chase, first home place,	10 93
George Chase, home place,	11 29
H. E. Munroe,	9 95
Total assets,	$3,842 75

LIABILITIES

Due Rochester Trust Co., on note,	$1,647 00
Due Rochester Trust Co., interest,	22 06
Due Harriett M. Murry, on note,	123 79
Due religious societies,	246 89
Due State on poll assessments, $2.00 each five,	410 00

Due school district,	517 83
Due Conway National Bank, on loan,	2,000 00
Total,	$4,967 57
Total assets,	3,842 75
Excess of liabilities,	$1,124 82

EVELYN H. LOTHIAN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EFFINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand,	$35 27
Received from Rochester Trust Co., dividend on Abbie A. Wedgwood fund,	16 16
Received from town treasurer,	10 00
	$61 43

EXPENDITURES

Paid		
Library Book House, for books,	$38 49	
S. F. Claflin, for magazines,	6 90	
Balance on hand,	16 04	
		$61 43

J. M. LEAVITT,
EDITH K. TAYLOR,
KATE E. BARKER,
Trustees of Effingham Free Public Library.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EFFINGHAM TRUST FUNDS

ABBIE A. WEDGWOOD FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand,	$65 39
Received from Rochester Trust Co., dividends for 1922,	16 16
	$81 55

Expenditures

Paid		
Chalmers' Conservatories, for geraniums,	$3 00	
C. A. Sprague, work on Center cemetery,	23 86	
Edmond Canney, work on Center cemetery,	22 00	
Francis Moody, work on Center cemetery,	22 00	
Balance on hand,	10 69	
		$81 55

MARTHA J. SCEGGEL FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand,	$6 17
Received from Rochester Trust Co., dividends for 1922,	4 04
	$10 21

Paid Richard Dearborn, for mowing lot,	$1 00	
Balance on hand,	9 21	
		$10 21

DAVID W. GOLDSMITH FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand,	$6 44
Received from Rochester Trust Co., dividends for 1923,	4 04
	$10 48

Expenditures

Paid Richard Dearborn, for mowing lot,	$1 00	
Balance on hand,	9 48	
		$10.48

JOHN H. FLANDERS FUND

Receipts

Received from Rochester Trust Co., dividends, for 1923,	$8 14

Expenditures

Paid C. A. Sprague, for work on lot,	$8 14	
Balance on hand,	0 00	
		$8 14

ANNIE C. DEARBORN,
KATE E. BARKER,
HANNAH B. CHASE,
Trustees of Effingham Trust Funds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board of Effingham:

The year which closed on June 30, 1923, was on the whole favorable for our schools. In spite of a hard winter, the calendar schedule was maintained, the teacher force remained intact, and in general consistent progress was made. Miss Snow at Effingham Falls, Miss Leavitt at Center Effingham, Miss Conner at South Effingham and Miss Kimball at Pine River continued their services throughout the year. With the exception of Miss Conner, all of these teachers returned to their respective schools this year. Miss Hope Stoddard, a graduate of Michigan University, class of 1923, was engaged for the school at South Effingham.

One of the most difficult things with which we have to contend in the efficient conduct of our schools is what I may term the temporary pupil problem, which nearly always arises upon the arrival of a portable saw mill in any locality. Generally speaking, children who move about from place to place as the mill changes locations fit into school classes with difficulty. They frequently come to our schools from those of another state in which the program of study and gradings differ somewhat from our own. By reason of frequent moving about or on account of laxity in the enforcement of the attendance laws in some districts, the attendance is irregular, and the sum total of the child's schooling falls far short of his needs. There

is no remedy for this situation, but the school that is affected by it is necessarily handicapped, and the district is frequently confronted with a serious and expensive transportation problem.

An illustration of this situation may be seen in the fluctuation in attendance at the Center Effingham School this year. The maximum attendance during the fall term was 36, while at the beginning of the winter term but 19 pupils were enrolled.

Within the past few weeks several cases of intermittent attendance at school have been brought to my attention. These are largely due to the carelessness and negligence of parents, who do not understand or appreciate their own obligation with respect to school attendance. In the strict construction of the law, the parent is responsible for the child's attendance at school for every session. The occasional absence due to the child's bona-fide sickness or to the impassability of roads will not be questioned, but intermittent attendance due to other than the foregoing causes cannot be tolerated. An abstract of the attendance law follows:

Section 1. Every child between eight and sixteen years of age shall attend the public school to which he is assigned, during all the time the public schools are in session unless he is more than fourteen years old and has completed the studies prescribed for the elementary schools, or has been excused (by school authorities) from attending on the ground that his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance or to make it undesirable.

Section 2. Every person having the custody of a child shall cause the child to attend such a school dur-

ing all the time the public schools are in session.

Section 4. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of the preceding sections shall forfeit ten dollars for the first offense, and twenty dollars for every subsequent offense for the use of the district.

Report cards are issued every six weeks to pupils above the third grade. Parents should look the cards over carefully, sign and return them to the school. The signature is the only evidence the teacher has that the cards have been shown at home; in no case does the signature indicate approval. If the marks are low, consult the teacher, don't blame her. It is difficult to have patience with parents who continually find fault with the teacher because a child does not regularly get high marks. This attitude puts a premium on dishonesty. While it is impossible to get uniformity in teachers' ranks, fair and good should predominate, while marks of special merit should about balance the marks indicating failure. Two teachers may easily rate the same pupil differently by a margin of 10% in his average, even when the pupil is doing the same grade of work for each teacher. It is well to remember that after all marks or even subjects are not the dominant purposes of education, but the inculcation of right habits and qualities that make for efficiency and character.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. WINGATE,
Superintendent.

LIST OF TEACHERS, 1922-1923

School	Teacher	Post-Secondary Education	State Approval
Effingham Falls	Ruth Snow	Keene Summer School, 1920	License
Center Effingham	Gladys Leavitt		License
South Effingham	Helen C. Hodsdlon		License
Pine River	Helen C. Kimball	Farmington Summer School, 1922	Permit

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE BY SCHOOLS, 1922-23

School	Total Membership	Average Membership	% of Attend'ce
Effingham Falls,	23	21	92
Center Effingham,	36	21	96
South Effingham,	21	16	95
Pine River,	10	10	95
	90	68	94½

MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES, 1922-1923

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	17	11	12	3	15	5	10	9

GRADUATES, 1923

Charles Crabtree
Elliott Gordon
Dorothy Moody
Verna Sanborn
Dorothy Sprague
Mildred Strong
Robert Strong
Leon Ward

ROLL OF HONOR, 1922-1923

One Term

Eugene Moody
Dorothy Nutter
Harvey Nutter
Mina Nutter
Inez Taylor
Percy Taylor
Hazel Wilkinson
Ralph Wilkinson

Two Terms

Charles Crabtree
John Edwards
Mary Edwards
Dorothy Moody
Andy Nelson
Louise Nelson
Robert Sprague
Sumner Taylor

Three Terms

Philip Chase
Brackett Evans
Mildred Strong
Robert Strong
Alta Taylor

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1923-1924

Parsonsfield Seminary

Nellie B. Philbrick
Velma E. Davis
Gertrude M. Emack
Mary L. Leavitt
Russell H. Nelson
Harry M. Leavitt
Verna Sanborn

Madison High School

Charles Crabtree
Leon Ward

Porter High School

Mildred Strong

HEALTH SUPERVISION, DISTRICT SUMMARY, 1922-1923

Examiner, Dr. J. M. Leavitt

Number of pupils examined, 75

	No. of Cases Found	No. of Cases Reported to Parent	No. of Cases in Which Treatment was Received
Defective Vision,	4	4	1
Defective Hearing	1	1	
Orthopedic Defects,	1		
Hypertrophied Tonsils,	12	12	1
Unvaccinated,	62		

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

From July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923

CURRENT REVENUE

Balance,	$795 49
From State,	1,196 62
From Town, Raised by Taxation:	
Support of elementary schools,	2,876 48
High school tuition,	460 00
Salaries of district officers,	70 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	117 65
Deficiency in superintendent's excess salary, 1921,	62 10
Other expenses of administration,	50 00
Repairs,	300 00
"Per capita" tax,	198 00
School lot fund,	40 00
From Sources Other Than Taxation:	
1921 dog licenses,	38 50
Elementary school tuition,	36 00
Income from Abigail Drake Fund,	18 00
Total,	$6,258 84

Ordinary Current Expenses

Administration,	$233 53
Instruction,	3,046 98
Operating and maintenance of school plant,	383 96
Auxiliary agencies and special activities,	923 50
Outlay for construction and equipment,	521 31

"Per capita" tax and previous year bills,	924 49
	$6,033 77
Cash on hand,	225 07
Total,	$6,258 84

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1924 AND 1925, TO BE RAISED BY TOWN

APPROPRIATIONS

Amount Necessary to Procure State Aid, ½ of 1% of the Equalized Valuation of the District	
Salaries of district officers,	$70 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	218 45
Deficiency in superintendent's excess salary, 1923,	83 45
Repairs,	500 00
High school tuition,	600 00
Other expenses of administration and "Per Capita" tax (required by law),	250 00

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED G. MARSTON,
FRANK O. LEAVITT,
EDITH K. TAYLOR,
School Board.

We hereby certify that we have this day audited the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK,
MOSES S. CHASE,
Auditors.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand July 1, 1922,	$795 49
Received from Town of Effingham,	4,174 23
Gladys Leavitt, dog tax,	38 50
A. Drake fund,	18 00
State board of education,	1,196 62
Town of Freedom,	36 00
Total receipts,	$6,258 84

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid school orders, 249 to 458,	$6,033 77
Balance on hand June 30, 1922,	$225 07

EVELYN H. LOTHIAN,
Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the District Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK,
MOSES S. CHASE,
Auditors of Effingham.

February 23, 1924.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen—In compliance with an act of Legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

Births in the Town of Effingham for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Birth	Name of Child	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb 16	Helen Louise	5	Moses S Chase	Alice Neal	Parsonsfield Me,	Parsonsfield, Me
April 21	Ruth Thelma	3	Ralph Ward	Dorothy Frost	Wakefield,	Madison
Aug. 25	Frank Sprague		Frank Sprague	Ruth E Cummings	Shapleigh, M e	Porter, Me
Oct 22	Frank Davis	7	Irvin Davis	Bertha C Wilfret	Effingham	Roxbury, Mass

Marriages in the Town of Effingham for the Year ending December 31, 1923

Date of Birth	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Age of Each	Place of Birth of Each	Name and Residence of Persons by Whom Married
Apr 21	Concord	Robert Melville Fulton	Effingham	80	Minot, Me	Harold H Niles C
		Mary Rogers Kimball	"	47	Carmel, Me	Concord
May 15	Effingham	John K. Stillings	"	72	Effingham	Francis P Thayer C
		Annie Hutchins	Lynn, Mass	55	Lynn, Mass	Effingham
July 5	"	Charles W. Davis	Parsonsfield, Me	51	Parsonsfield, Me	Melvin H Nutter J
		Bertha Towle	"	41	Middletown, Mass	Effingham

Deaths registered in the Town of Effingham for the Year ending December 31, 1923

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days			
Jan 6	Everett J Leavitt	65	1		Center Effingham	Levi Leavitt	Martha Lear
10	William H H Thomas	82	7	1	Camden, Me	Caleb H Thomas	
Feb 16	Ellen M Fernald	72	6	9	Deer Isle, Me	Zaccheus Stimpson	Holt
22	William H Fernald	83		1	Shapleigh, Me	James Fernald	
Mar 1	Samuel Q Dearborn	88			Effingham	Josiah Dearborn	Blinda K Quarles
6	Pearl Watson		3	10	Conway	Roland F Watson	Ella Merrill
July 1	Eva Adelia Coelomy	49	10	6	Westbrook, Me	Frank Edgerly	Phoebe Huckins
Aug 8	Gertrude Libby	49	3	2	Waterboro, Me	William Wallace Libby	Abbie Francis Lougee
Nov 11	Charles Elmer Meloon	63	3	9	Effingham	Joseph Martin Meloon	Susan Bryant
Dec 17	James H Wilkins	52	3		Groveton		
20	John K Stillings	73	6	8	Effingham	John L Stillings	Betsey Thompson

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true transcript of the record of all the Births, Marriages and Deaths that have been reported to me for the year ending December 31, 1923.

GLADYS LEAVITT, Town Clerk.

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